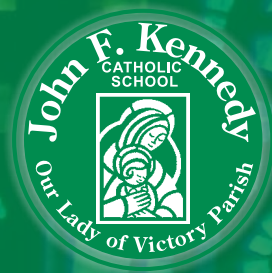


MISSION STATEMENT

John F. Kennedy Catholic School, as the Roman Catholic School of Our Lady of Victory Parish, partners with families in accepting and loving children as unique gifts of God. Through our caring and nurturing parish community, we will help all children identify and share their gifts and talents and develop a Christ-centered character, live their Catholic faith, and achieve academic excellence as they become disciples of Christ.

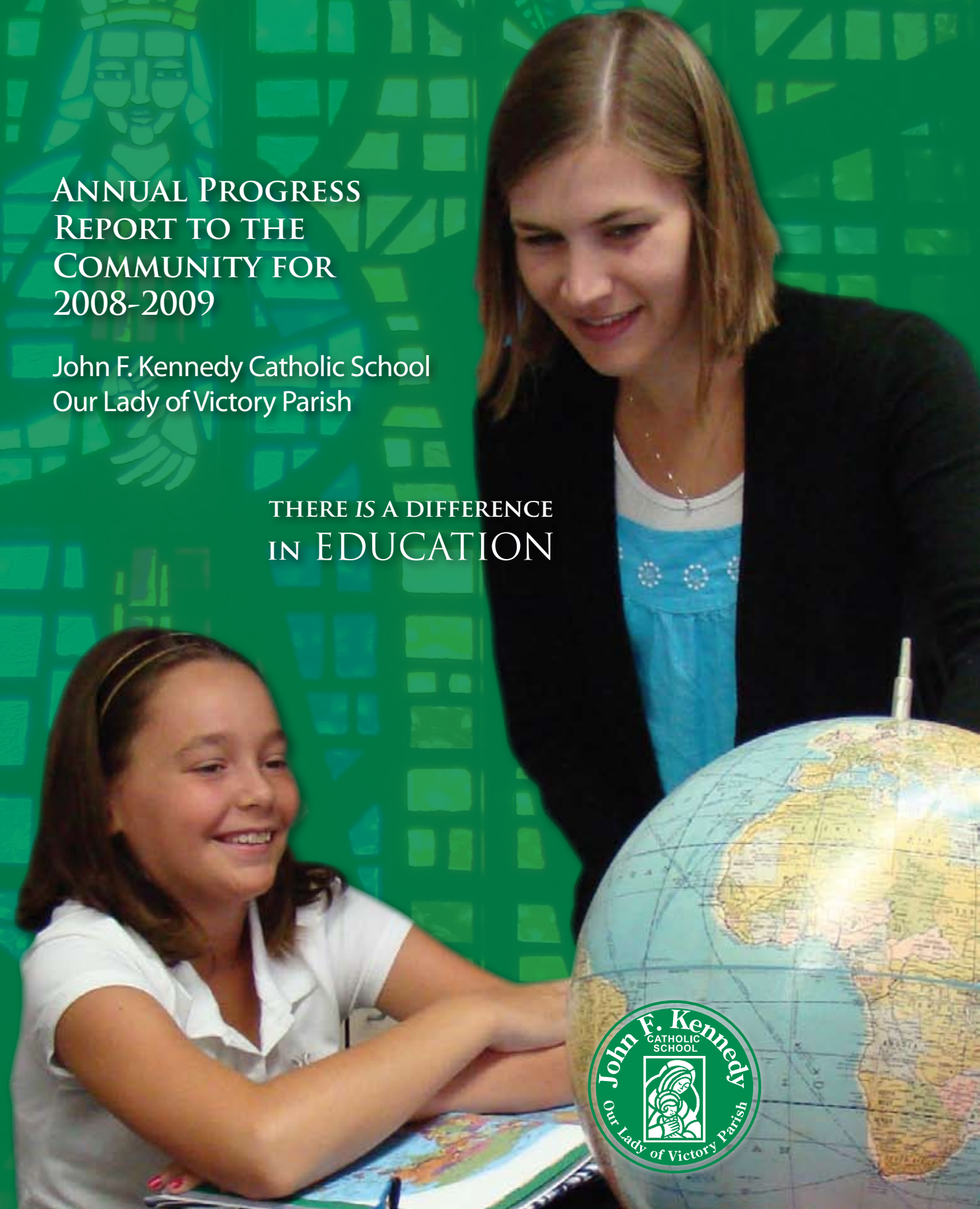
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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR 2008-2009

John F. Kennedy Catholic School
Our Lady of Victory Parish

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
IN EDUCATION



INSIGHTS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Chad Steimle

All of the growth we are experiencing at JFK, whether it be in enrollment, programming and activities, funding, technology, or buildings, is due to an entire community of students, parents, staff, and parish members alive with the fundamental understanding that the mission of Catholic school education is connecting kids with Christ.

Many thanks goes to Msgr. Parizek and Fr. Meyer, the parish and school staff, and you for making JFK and its students so successful, not only in academics, but in connecting kids with Christ.

I invite you to visit our website to learn more about the great things happening at JFK and view our new four-minute slide show. It can be accessed from the front page of our website at www.olvjfk.com. We are grateful to Lori Walljasper and her students at Scott Community College who put this slide show with voiceover and background music together for us.

May God bless you and your families.

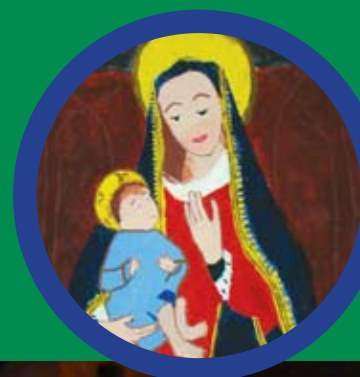
"After having had my college teaching experiences in public schools, I knew I belonged in a Catholic school setting. I believe that the family atmosphere and that making faith a part of each day are invaluable attributes of a Catholic school."

Tammy Nagle, JFK teacher and Alleman High School graduate



COMMON STRENGTHS IDENTIFIED BY PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF THROUGH THE SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY:

- FAITH, MORALS, VALUES
- DEDICATED, CARING STAFF
- SMALLER CLASS SIZES
- STRONG RELATIONSHIPS
AND FRIENDSHIPS
- FAMILY ATMOSPHERE



Honors and Awards

Listed below are just some of the honors and awards by JFK students this past year.

Modern Woodmen of America's School Speech Contest:

Olivia Grubbs (6th grade) finished 2nd in the nation. More than 100,000 students compete each year throughout the country. Blake Weiman (8th grade) finished 2nd at the state level of the civic oration competition.

Mock Trial: JFK had an 8th place team and a semi-finalist team at the state Mock Trial competition.

Scott County Catholic Schools' Science Fair: Blake Weiman took first place among the 8th graders. Rebecca Jones came in 3rd place among 8th graders, and Sara Olds took 3rd place among 7th graders.

Pizzathon: JFK's fifth grade team of Laura Olds, Connor Lindaman, Cormic McNamara, Ruthanne Ramker, and Mallory King took first place in Happy Joe's Pizzathon competition.

Earth Week Poster Contest: Mallory King, Peter Laubenthal, Carrie Peterson, Brian Meyer, and Blaire Weiman had their work displayed at the QCCA Expo Center for Earth Week.

St. Ambrose University Honor Band: Allie Daniel, Emma Simmons, Elise Castro, Rose Ripslinger, Kristina Seier, Erica Peterson, and Tracy Walkley performed in the SAU honor band.

SEIBA: Emma Simmons qualified for the Southeast Iowa Band Association's honor band.

New Activities At JFK

Marching Band: Seventh and eighth graders from the Catholic schools in Scott County joined together with the Assumption band for the half-time performance at homecoming.

Quiz Bowl: Nearly 70% of JFK's 6th graders participated in a quiz bowl competition. Two teams competed against other Catholic schools' teams.

Summer Art Camp: Ms. McGee held two sessions of summer art camp focusing on self-portrait sculptures.

6th-8th Grade Track and Field: Middle school aged students practiced with the Assumption track team.

Debate: Several 6th-8th graders were involved in a state debate tournament this spring. Maddy Saskowski and Olivia Grubbs received team and individual medals.

WUBS: Web Updates by Students was begun in the late spring to prepare students to be involved in updating the content of our website.

Scripps National Spelling Bee: Eighteen students competed in JFK's final school round of a national spelling bee. Fifth grader Bethany Donahue represented JFK at the regional competition at Augustana College.

Ballroom Dancing: As part of the culminating activities to the 8th graders' Manners Unit, students had ballroom dancing lessons.



FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

To Teach as We Want Our Own Children Taught

The family like atmosphere is pervasive in the education students receive at JFK. Not only do our parents and students develop close relationships during their time at JFK, but our staff members treat students like members of their own families. This treatment is not very difficult because so many of the OLV/JFK staff members currently have or have had their own children attend JFK. When people talk about the family-like atmosphere at JFK, it is so true. We work hard to make sure that everyone's children receive the Catholic school education we want our own children to experience.





Services Grow For Students

Services for students at John F. Kennedy Catholic School continued to grow. JFK's Guardian Angel pre-school, for example, not only grew in enrollment, but also has expanded in scope of education since its inception. When started in 1985, the pre-school focused primarily on social skills. Today, it has extensive curricular programs in reading, math, science, and religion, in addition to social skills. Students are prepared to excel in kindergarten.

The pre-schools participating in Davenport's Statewide Voluntary Pre-School Program for Four Year Olds, which includes about 14 partner sites, including JFK and the other Davenport Catholic elementary schools, received verification of meeting the Iowa Quality Pre-school Program Standards (QPPS) this spring. There are approximately 170 standards that need to be carefully monitored and met in QPPS. Thanks to the hard work of all those involved in pre-school education in our area, the Davenport consortium is being used as a model of collaboration throughout the state of Iowa. JFK is proud to be able to offer four year old pre-schooling for free. JFK also offers tuition based pre-school programs for three and five year olds.

Begun this past fall, JFK has expanded its services with its Early Childhood Learning Center to offer full day educational and childcare services also for three to five year olds. Priced at \$110 per week for Our Lady of Victory parishioners or \$130 per week for other families in 2009-2010, these services help the many families who are seeking quality, faith-based child care for their children with the added benefit of certified teachers conducting the programming.

Full day summer-only child care services were also begun this year, and child care will be offered on non-school days, such as spring break and in-service days, in the fall.

With these expanded services, Our Lady of Victory and John F. Kennedy Catholic School have increased their opportunities and time to assist parents in the Catholic education and upbringing of their children.

DEDICATED CARING STAFF



Iowa Tests Of Basic Skills

Results for Grades 3-8

JFK students score one to three grade levels above the national grade level equivalents on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. While the average score in science for a 5th grader nationwide would be 5.2, for example, a JFK 5th grader scored at a 7.8 grade level equivalent in science in 2008-09.

Results For Grades 4 And 8

Reporting three years worth of data for 4th and 8th graders' reading comprehension, math, and science, ITBS scores to the community is one requirement of the Iowa

Department of Education. Due to the small class sizes and low numbers of males and females in each grade, fairly large year-to-year fluctuations can be seen. The tables below illustrate the percentages of students who are proficient.

Local, State, National Comparisons

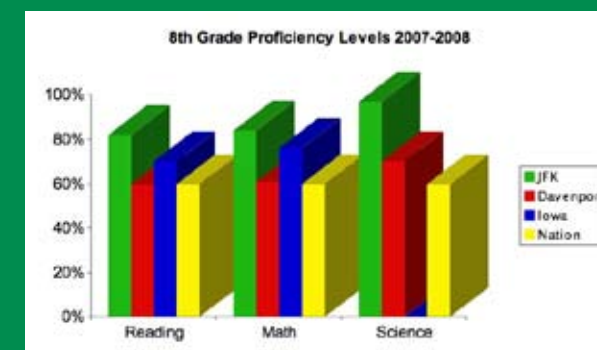
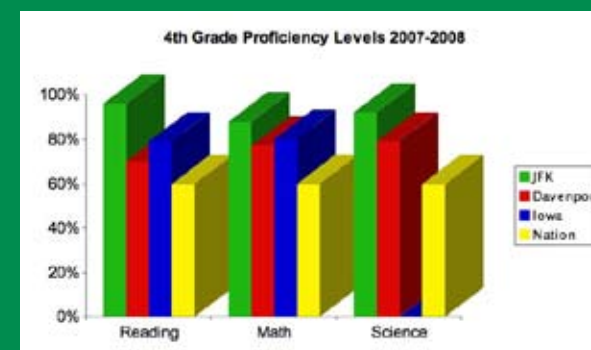
Local proficiency data according to ITBS scores must also be compared to state and national averages in reading and math for 4th graders and in reading, math, and science for 8th graders. The most recent data on the state website is for 2007-08. The graphs indicate the percentage of students proficient in each subject area. Iowa science data was not available.

4th Grade: Percentage of Students Proficient According to ITBS Scores

Year	Reading Comprehension			Math			Science		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
06-07	77%	70%	87%	80%	80%	80%	89%	85%	93%
07-08	96%	100%	94%	89%	100%	88%	92%	100%	94%
08-09	97%	100%	95%	97%	100%	95%	100%	100%	100%
3 year average	90%	90%	92%	89%	93%	88%	94%	95%	96%

8th Grade: Percentage of Students Proficient According to ITBS Scores

Year	Reading Comprehension			Math			Science		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
06-07	84%	94%	77%	87%	94%	82%	95%	100%	91%
07-08	82%	83%	80%	85%	83%	87%	97%	95%	100%
08-09	89%	100%	77%	93%	100%	85%	96%	100%	92%
3 year average	85%	92%	78%	88%	92%	85%	96%	98%	94%



Annual Progress Report Goals

JFK sets and reports upon annual progress goals in relation to ITBS reading comprehension, math total, and science scores. The following are the goals for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Reading

2008-09: To increase the percent of students in grade 8 who are proficient in reading comprehension.
2007-08: 82% 2008-09: 89%
Increase: 7%

2009-10: To increase the percent of female students in grade 8 who are proficient in reading comprehension.

Math

2008-09: To increase the percent of students in grade 4 who are proficient in math.
2007-08: 89% 2008-09: 97%
Increase: 8%

2009-10: To increase the percent of students who are proficient in math total in 6th grade in 2008 when they take the ITBS as 7th graders in 2009.

Science

2008-09: To increase the percent of female students who are proficient in science in 3rd grade in 2007 when they take the ITBS as 4th graders in 2008.

2007-08: 80% 2008-09: 100%
Increase: 20%

2009-10: To increase the percent of students who are proficient in science in 6th grade in 2008 when they take the ITBS as 7th graders in 2009.

STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND FRIENDSHIPS

Growing Our Faith...Shaping Generations

Collections for the "Growing Our Faith...Shaping Generations" capital campaign are strong, with almost \$750,000 collected during the first year. The \$2.4 million campaign seeks to enhance and renew the parish campus, providing for the needs of all generations of the community. The main campaign's goals are threefold:

Complete several large-scale maintenance items that continue the process of renewing the infrastructure of the entire campus. Having spent over \$350,000 over the last several years to take care of our campus, the parish will use campaign funds to replace the church roof and gutters, redo the parking lot, and replace the lighting and ceiling tiles in the school.

Enhance the community and sacramental areas in church with a gathering space.

The scope of this project includes a gathering space, multipurpose rooms, ADA compliant restrooms, an elevator, a permanent baptismal font, and a small kitchenette.

Expand the education and faith formation spaces to meet the needs of today's families and current educational standards. Classroom space will be added to accommodate two sections of each grade level in pre-school through 8th grade at class sizes that meet today's standards of 20-25 pupils per room, reduce the dependency on mobiles and shared classroom spaces, and maintain dedicated areas for art, music, and science. Early childhood space will be added to meet the needs of a pre-school that is on a trend to double within five years and to provide space for full day services for families with two working parents. Finally, office space and a more secure entryway will be added to provide safety, security, efficiency, and privacy.

This campaign has already received pledges of over \$1.9 million. With the help and generosity of so many people, it is hoped that construction could begin next summer.



Enrollment Growth At JFK

Since 2004-05 and through 2008-09, kindergarten through 8th grade enrollment at JFK has increased by 25 percent, from 260 students to 328. Pre-school enrollment has also grown from the upper 40s and lower 50s to over 90 students this year. Classes are being held in every area of the building and four temporary classrooms as well, while Our Lady of Victory conducts a capital campaign to add additional classroom space as well as a gathering space addition to the church.

Tuition Assistance Continues To Help Families

Assisting the enrollment growth at JFK has been the ability to make Catholic school education more affordable for more people. Financial assistance at JFK since the 2004-2005 school year has grown from \$18,000 to over \$100,000 in aid provided for Our Lady of Victory families with children at JFK and Assumption High School. Financial assistance is provided through a Scott County campaign called Embracing Our Future and the Mississippi Valley Student Tuition Organization. Families making well over government defined levels of poverty are eligible for tuition assistance, and emergency funds are also available.

After wrestling with the prospect of raising tuition in today's uncertain economy, JFK's board of education came up with an innovative solution. While raising the tuition rate for 2009-10 to that of the other Catholic elementary schools' in Scott County to honor our joint agreement, the board voted to offer a waiver of the registration fee for early-bird registrants. When including tuition and registration fees together and taking advantage of the early registration fee waiver, the increase in costs to most families was in the range of \$30-\$77 for the entire year. These increases were the lowest in nine years.



Students In All Grades Participated In Religious Activities Throughout The School Year.

All Saints Day
Christmas Around the World
Wish FM
Vocations Day
Feast of St. Blaise
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday Activities

Generosity And Service Are An Integral Part Of The Teachings At JFK.

Student Food Drive:

JFK students and staff contributed 4,972 pounds of food towards the Quad Cities' Student Food Drive. That's almost 14 pounds per person! Mrs. Vogel's homeroom averaged 27.2 cans per student.

Catholic Schools Help Dodge Hunger:

JFK worked with the other Catholic schools to raise funds to purchase, prepare, and serve food for the homeless at Café on Vine. JFK students fed 232 people at the café.

Holy Childhood Association:

Over \$500 was donated during Lent for Holy Childhood Association.

Blood Drive:

Seventh graders sponsored a blood drive in May.

Happy Joe's Christmas Party for those with Special Needs:

Fifth and seventh graders sang and helped students with special needs.

Cookie Decorating:

Cookies were decorated for the residents of Ridgecrest.

Celebrating With The Lord

"Class Masses" are celebrated each week, and all school Masses are celebrated at least twice per month. During these Masses, Msgr. Parizek and Fr. Meyer direct their homilies to the appropriate age level for understanding. They involve the students by asking questions and using props to help students understand the true meaning of God's Word.

Msgr. Parizek also taught many of the students how to do the "Our Father" in sign language, allowing them to pray it with him in front of the church during an all school Mass. Students of every grade level are involved with "Mass parts." At the end of each Mass, Msgr. Parizek always comes over to thank the children for their participation in the "Mass parts."



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